

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: T. Saito Attorney Docket No.: NAI118755  
 Application No.: 10/070,157 Art Unit: 1635 / Confirmation No.: 9352  
 Filed: July 12, 2002 Examiner: R.A. Schnizer  
 Title: METHOD OF PERFORATING MEMBRANE  
 AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /  
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 21, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:  
 An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
- X 2. Small entity status was previously asserted and continues to be appropriate.
- X 3. Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated February 22, 2006, set to expire on May 22, 2006, be extended by 2 months, to expire on July 22, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$225.
- X 4. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	395
Total Claims	46	- 66	= 0	x 25	= 0
Independent Claims	4	- 7	= 0	x 100	= 0
Extension of Time				+ 225	225
TOTAL					\$620

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- X   5. Check No. 171529 in the amount of \$620, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X   6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

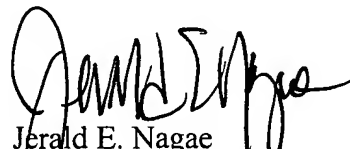
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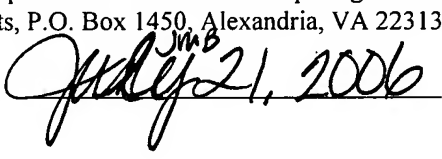
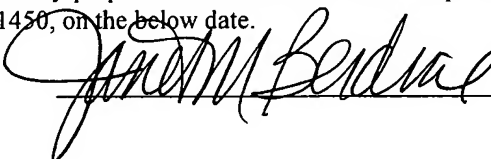
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